GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international flights cancelled by Air India during the past five years from Nedumbassery Airport;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to restore all the cancelled Air India flights from Trivandrum to various international sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): Air India commenced operations from Nedumbassary Airport in Kochi in June 1999 with 9 international flights. Presently, Air India is operating 22 international flights from Nedumbassary airport. In addition to this, Air India is also operating hub and spoke / code share flights.

A total of 15 flights have been cancelled ex-Trivandrum during the last five years. However, with the commencement of operations from Nedumbassary Airport at Kochi in June 1999, certain flights from Trivandrum were shifted to Kochi, but the total flights out of Kerala remained the same. Subsequently, flights have been enhanced from Trivandrum. Presently, Air India is operating 15 internationl flights from Trivandrum to Dubai, Dammam, Riyadh, Bahrain/Doha and Abu Dhabi / Muscat. In addition to this, Air India also operates four direct flights to Kuwait in code share with Kuwait Airways.